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Whereabouts of Standartenführer ^{Walther} RAUFF
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1. Valerio BENUZZI (contributor to MSB-1764 and 1767) reports that he has heard from the Italian police that Standartenführer RAUFF, Milan Gestapo chief during the occupation, left Italy for Syria around the middle of November 1948. He is said to be acting as military advisor to the Syrian Government.
2. RAUFF had been interned by U.S. authorities at Rimini, but had escaped from there and gone into hiding. RAUFF was accompanied on his trip to Syria by his wife and family, who had been smuggled into Italy from the Russian Zone. (BENUZZI does not indicate whether this refers to the Russian zone of Austria or of Germany.) The Italian police allegedly claim that the smuggling of RAUFF's family out of the Russian Zone was accomplished with the connivance of the American IS.

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